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(54) Title: VALPROIC ACID ANALOGUES AND PHARMACEUTICAL COMPOSITIONS THEREOF

(57) Abstract: Analogues of valproic acid useful in treating neuroaffective disorders including convulsions, bipolar disorder, and migraine headache are disclosed. The analogues are halide substituted analogues, cyclic analogues, and conjugated diene analogues of valproic acid. Pharmaceutical compositions or prodrugs containing the analogues or pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof are disclosed. Methods of making the compounds and treating mammals with neuroaffective disorders are also disclosed.

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Box I Observations where certain claims were found unsearchable (Continuation of item 1 of first sheet)

This International Search Report has not been established in respect of certain claims under Article 17(2)(a) for the following reasons:

1. ☒ Claims Nos.:
because they relate to subject matter not required to be searched by this Authority, namely:
Although claims 30,33,34,39,40 are directed to a method of treatment of the human/animal body, the search has been carried out and based on the alleged effects of the compound/composition.
2. ☒ Claims Nos.: 35
because they relate to parts of the International Application that do not comply with the prescribed requirements to such an extent that no meaningful International Search can be carried out, specifically:
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Box II Observations where unity of invention is lacking (Continuation of item 2 of first sheet)

This International Searching Authority found multiple inventions in this international application, as follows:

1. ☐ As all required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this International Search Report covers all searchable claims.
2. ☐ As all searchable claims could be searched without effort justifying an additional fee, this Authority did not invite payment of any additional fee.
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Although claims 30,33,34,39,40 are directed to a method of treatment of the human/animal body, the search has been carried out and based on the alleged effects of the compound/composition.

Continuation of Box I.2

Claims Nos.: 35

The scope of claim 35, in as far as the expression prodrug is concerned, is so unclear (Article 6 PCT) that a meaningful international search is impossible with regard to this expression. Nevertheless the search was complete for the prodrug as recited in claims 36-38.

The applicant's attention is drawn to the fact that claims relating to inventions in respect of which no international search report has been established need not be the subject of an international preliminary examination (Rule 66.1(e) PCT). The applicant is advised that the EPO policy when acting as an International Preliminary Examining Authority is normally not to carry out a preliminary examination on matter which has not been searched. This is the case irrespective of whether or not the claims are amended following receipt of the search report or during any Chapter II procedure. If the application proceeds into the regional phase before the EPO, the applicant is reminded that a search may be carried out during examination before the EPO (see EPO Guideline C-VI, 8.5), should the problems which led to the Article 17(2) declaration be overcome.

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